

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 21 are pending, with Claims 1 through 7, 18, and 19 being independent. Claims 2, 4, and 6 through 19 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 3, and 5 have been amended. Claims 20 and 21, both dependent, have been added. The Examiner's attention is directed, by way of example and not of limitation, to Figs. 6A-6F.

Claims 1, 3, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over previously-cited US 2004/0114819 A1 (Matsuura, et al.) in view of either US 5,881,176 (Keith, et al.) or US 2003/0063201 A1 (Hunter, et al.), both newly-cited. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 3, and 5 recite, *inter alia*, compositing the first frame image and the second frame image, each of the first frame image and the second frame image having been segmented by the band segmentation, by replacing some or all image data in common frequency band components between the first frame image and the second frame image, and outputting a third moving image signal composed of composited frame images (wherein the first frame image is in the first moving image signal and the second frame image is in the second moving image signal).

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the applied documents, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that they could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 3, and 5.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicant earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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